

PERSONAL MENTION

Chicagoans who have joined the winter colony at Fort Myers, Fla., include Mr. and Mrs. Finley Barrell and Mrs. Morehouse Stevens.

James Deering was host over the weekend at a houseboat party aboard his yacht, the *Nepenthe*, anchored off Miami, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forgan are making a brief visit in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Granger Farwell and their daughter, Miss Sara, are at the Belmont in New York, and plan to make a brief visit to Atlantic City, before returning home. Their plans are indefinite as to their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boston, who sailed for their home in Liverpool on the *Laconia*. The Bostons were on the *Ryndam* when it was turned back.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Ayer, 2 Banks street, have left for Phoenix, Ariz., where Mr. Ayer, who is a member of the government Indian commission, will inspect the Indian reservations. Mr. and Mrs. Ayer will visit Riverside, Cal., before their return.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Hall McCormick, 50 East Huron street, are in Augusta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunt Ritchie, 5127 Kenwood avenue, will be at the Biltmore Hotel, New York, until May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Weyand, 6220 St. Lawrence street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Beatrice Weyand, to John Northmore Brigham of Glencoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garfield King, 1450 Astor street, who are at Pinehurst, N. C., with their children, will go from there to Atlantic City, where they will pass Easter week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Partridge, 3200 South Michigan avenue, have as their guest their daughter, Mrs. Alfred Schoelkopf of Buffalo.

Mrs. Phelps B. Hoyt, 40 Cedar street, with her father, Benjamin Allen, and daughter, Miss Betty Hoyt, will pass the month of March in Lakewood, N. J.

EAGLETS.

John C. Paul, the well known manufacturer of Burnishine, has made his business a household word in Chicago for reliability.

McKenzie Cleland, the able former judge, is a man who is never afraid to stand up for what he believes to be right.

General Maurice T. Moloney, of Ottawa, former attorney general, is one of the most popular Democrats in the state.

John T. O'Malley of 1222 North Wells street, the popular proprietor of the big Wells Boarding Stables, is one of the best liked Democrats in Chicago. He is one of the coming men of the party and should be ever run for office would be a certain winner.

Congressman Thomas Gallagher of Chicago is one of the most influential men in Washington.

The Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company of 1470 Michigan avenue have the best motor truck made in the Little Giant.

Patrick Nolan, the veteran engineer, rendered services to the public schools which will be long remembered.

Tony Schroeder of North Halsted and Roscoe streets is not only one of the solid men of Lake View but he is a political leader who numbers his friends by the thousands.

Charles McHugh, the genial proprietor of the Lexington Hotel, is doing good work in improving conditions in the First ward.

Addison street, one of the widest and longest east and west streets on the north and west sides, should be made a boulevard.

Rivers McNeill, the popular and efficient collector of Customs, reflects great credit on President Wilson's administration.

Judge John P. McGearty continues Daniel L. Grulice, the able lawyer, would make a good judge.

Julius Oswald, the well known barber at 154 West Randolph street, is very popular with the city hall boys.

R. McDonald of Clinton and Adams streets is popular with printers, manufacturers and everybody else.

Maurice T. Cullerton is much respected as a leader in labor circles.

James R. Buckley, Chief Clerk in the Criminal Court Clerk's office, is always adding to the efficiency of the public service.

Thomas F. Keeley is in the front rank of every movement for the betterment of Chicago and the brightening of its future.

Judge John Barton Payne makes a splendid President of the South Park Commission.

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HAPPENINGS in the
CITIES

New York Police Hear Many "German Spy" Stories

NEW YORK.—Everyone in New York who speaks a word of German where anyone else can hear him, whether it be a short, snappy "Raus!" or one of those amazing three-story-and-basement linguistic structures, must of necessity be a German spy, just as everyone who plays pinochle or drinks three coffees of beer in rapid succession must be a Teutonic plotter, with a cellar full of dynamite and a head full of meanness. At least that seems to be the belief animating the writers of hundreds of letters which are pouring in a continuous stream into police headquarters and the offices of Capt. William M. O'Leary, chief of the local bureau of the department of justice.



The letter writers, who never sign their names, but who emphasize the fact that they are patriotic citizens who would enlist in a minute only they've got all of the 57 varieties of sickness, warn the police about everything and everybody, from the delicatessen keeper who gave them a few secrets of pinochle in exchange for a few nickels.

The delicatessen keeper immediately becomes a German secret agent, who is secretive enough to fool everybody but the patriotic letter writer, and the pinochle expert is at once branded as the head of a band of dynamiters, while the delicatessen store and the pinochle parlor become meeting places where dark deeds are done and fiendish plots are plotted.

The police and the department of justice officials take the letters seriously, mostly because there isn't any other way to take them, although they won't admit that they do. They only grin and remark that so long as every dog has his day, why not every bug?

The police got so many letters recently about a German wine cellar which was characterized as a hang-out for plotting bakers, seamen and mechanics that a detective disguised himself as a pinochle player and sat in the game every night for a week, which was as long as he could stay, because there was a limit to the amount he could collect for expenses. The detective found out a lot about pinochle that he had never heard of before, but very little about dynamite and plots.

Government Experts on Their Annual Tea Jag

NEW YORK.—How would you like to go on a tea jag which includes 200 or more cups of the best tea? Seven men have just had one here. They are Uncle Sam's expert tasters and censors who meet once a year to pass on or reject the tea that shall be served on our tables the coming year. This standard is higher than any other country. The baccanalian orgy of Ceylon, Formosa, Oolong and the dozen other varieties of tea lasted one week. During that time the censors of the cup that cheers passed on several hundred samples of tea sent here from China and other tea-growing lands.

In explaining how tea is tested, Chairman A. T. Hellyer said: "We take one variety at a time and make a cup of tea from each sample until we find something that is absolutely satisfactory. Say that a score of cups of one kind of tea, but each cup made of a sample from a different source, are ready for testing. A subcommittee of two of our board tastes and smells the various brews until all except four or five have been eliminated. Then these four or five samples are personally tested by each member of the board, and we vote on the final choice. This is the United States standard in this variety of tea for the coming year. Every importer may have a sample of it, in order that he may satisfy government requirements when he is buying tea in foreign lands. Every government inspector in the different ports of the United States is also furnished with samples, and he must not let into the country tea which falls below the standard."

"The quality of tea is judged largely by the aroma and taste. The most delicious tea is that which has the smallest leaves. For it is the first and youngest picking."

When the guardians of the American teapot make tea—and they ought to know how—they weigh it. For each cup they use a portion of tea the exact weight of a silver half dime. The completed beverage was a golden brown and looked strong enough to keep one awake nights.

St. Louis to Doll All Up for the Advertisers

ST. LOUIS, MO.—St. Louis is to "clean house" and redecorate itself prior to the convening here next June of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. Louis Blumenstock, chairman of the designs and decorations committee, announced initial plans for this "house cleaning." The plans may be outlined briefly as follows:

An "epidemic" of paint, through the co-operation of the National Clean-Up and Paint-Up week committee. The cleaning up of every vacant lot in the city, and its use as a playground, tennis court or garden; anything to improve the appearance of the city.

Mayor Kiel will be asked to issue a proclamation commanding every citizen, landlord and real estate agent to clean up his premises. The "truth" emblem of the Associated Clubs promises to spring up in floral decorations all over the city. Nelson Cundiff, park commissioner, has been asked to use this emblem in the floral decorations in the sunken garden back of the Central library and in the floral decorations on the face of Art Hill.

Twelfth street is to be the center of elaborate decorations, carried out in harmony with plans of the illumination committee. The committee will give assistance to merchants in the decoration of their places of business, both interior and exterior, by furnishing decorative units at low cost.

The co-operation of citizens, especially in the downtown commercial and industrial districts, is asked by the committee, which suggests the planting of window boxes, the removal of unsightly signs, dilapidated buildings and the prosecution of a vigorous clean-up and paint-up campaign.

The neighborhood of the Union station and the rights of way of the roads entering St. Louis is to receive special attention from the committee.

Girl Is Champion Nail Driver of Minnesota

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Miss Lillian Reike of Fairfax, Minn., who became champion nail driver of the Minnesota School of Agriculture last year, nailed her title down hard and fast the other day in the girls' nail-driving contest at the annual indoor field meet at the school.

Miss Reike, swinging her hammer like a veteran carpenter, drove 12 penny spikes into a plank in 1 minute and 14 1/2 seconds.

With the shouts and cries of her classmates urging her on, unmindful of blood from a wound in her left thumb, the young woman bent pluckily to her task and carried off the honors.

Only two of the six young women were unfortunate enough to hit their fingers instead of the nail. One was Miss Reike. Miss Reike took the lead from the start. She drove her nails with long, sweeping swings, making each blow count.

Under the rules of the contest each nail had to be driven straight into the plank.

"I never drove any nails before I came to St. Paul," said the winner after her victory, "that is, in any contests. I won the contest last year, but I do not remember what the time was."

Miss Reike is twenty years old. She was born and raised on a farm near Fairfax.

Horried Bobby.

Several weeks ago, Bobby, six, started to a new Sunday school. To appear of more importance, he gave his age as eight. His father, upon hearing of it, severely reprimanded him for telling a falsehood. A couple of days later we took a trip on the cars. To avoid paying fare for Bob my husband told the conductor he was only five. Bobby looked up, horrified, and in a loud voice said: "Father! Father! You're getting to be as big a liar as I am!" Father paid.—Cleveland Leader.

Better Inspiration.

The girl who said she was inspired by a cheap novel to forge some checks might have skipped that part and turned to the last chapter for inspiration to fall in love and get married.—Indianapolis News.

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